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February 7, 2013

Mr. Richard Fitzpatrick
President
Magpul Industries Corp.
400 Young Court, Unit 1
Erie, Colorado 80516-8441

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

A number of states in the United States are seriously considering restrictive laws impacting firearms manufacturers. While I support the efforts of law enforcement to identify, apprehend, prosecute and punish criminals who use firearms in the commission of their crimes, I do not believe that imposing additional requirements or restrictions on businesses is the correct approach.

As you consider your options for responding to unwarranted government intrusion into your business, you may choose to consider relocating your manufacturing operations to a state that is more business-friendly. There is no other state that fits the definition of business-friendly like Texas.

Site selectors — consultants who specialize in finding the best business location for their clients — voted Texas the top state for business climate in 2011. For the eighth year in a row, CEO magazine reported in 2011 that Texas is the best state in the nation for doing business. Throughout 2012, Texas has continued to be the leader in job growth, due in large part to our healthy business climate. That business climate includes low taxes, a fair legal system, reasonable regulations, a well-trained and skilled workforce and unmatched transportation and communications infrastructures.

In addition to these inherent advantages, Texas also offers an extensive list of financial incentives to businesses considering relocating to a Texas community. Those incentives include cash grants, sales tax exemptions and refunds, employee training programs and low-interest loans.

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Another advantage of doing business in Texas is that we are a right-to-work state. As you consider the best path for the future of your company, you might want to consider the savings in real dollars that would accrue to your bottom line were you to take advantage of the lower labor costs in Texas.

If you are interested in discussing moving your manufacturing operations to a state that respects business and that has created the best environment in which to do business, please contact Keith Graf, my office's Director of Aerospace, Aviation and Defense, at (512) 475-0487 or at keith.graf@governor.state.tx.us. Mr. Graf will be pleased to help you make the right decision concerning the future of your company.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Rick Perry
Governor

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